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IN THE UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant: **Cardoso**

Case: **CRUZ/002**

Serial No.: **10/840,138**

Filed: **May 6, 2004**

Examiner: **Nathaniel C. Chukwurah**

Group Art Unit: **3721**

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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 19, 2005**

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 19, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 19, 2005, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782 for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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